PENSION POINTERS.

Inquiries Answered and Suggestions Made.

fAll communications for this column should be accompanied by the true name and correct address of the inquirer. The reply, however, will be marked as may be desired. No attention will be given to anonymous inquiries. If no re-ply is printed within three weeks, write again.]

W. H. R., Sparta, N. J.-A person is certainly entitled to reasonable compensation for service to a pension claimant in writing letters, etc., but just to what extent and in what manner can best be determined by inquiry of the Commissioner of Pensions, marking the letter of inquiry for the "Law Division."

F. B., Owosso, Mich.-There is no Federal law protecting property of my sort bought with pension money or exempting

the same from taxation by the States. S. H. W., Pinckneyvide, ill.-A pension claimant may amend his claim at any time by the addition or withdrawal of disab.lities or by explanatory statements.

valid pensioner under the general law is allowed a less rate than he has applied for, it is evident that the Pension Bureau does not regard the evidence in the case as showing title to the special rate sought for. It may be that the medical examination had in the case had much to do with the action of the Bureau in fixing the rate. A person subject to frequent and sudden attacks of disability due to the service, which require the presence and assistance of another person to aid and care for him until the attack passes off, is probably entitled to the \$50 rate for the "frequent and

another person. C. C., Plymouth.—You are mistaken. Order 225 of Commissioner Lochren and its system of ratings of invalid pension under the act of June 27, 1890, still stand unrevoked. There is no fixed rating for fistula. The prospect of any general person legislation at the present session of Congress is bel eved not to be good.

H. H. P., Joplin, Mo.-Under the general pension law the widow can obtain pension during the period of her widowhood, even though she does not apply until after her remarriage. The children of the soldier under the age of 16 at the date of her remarriage would be entitled to the pension from that date until they become 16. If the second husband of the widow dies and she can establish a t tle to pension on account of his service, he having been a soldier, the fact that she drew pension on account of her first husband does not debar her from pension on account of the second husband.

served in New York regiments can obtain from the State Adjutant-General, at Albany, free of charge, substantially the same information relative to their service that is borne on the records of the War Department as to their enlistment and final disposition.

J. G. M., Madison, Ind.-There is no special form of appeal prescribed in bringing rejected pension cases to the attention of the Secretary of the Interior. The appeal may be in the form of a letter, properly describing the claim and setting out what is believed to be the error of the Pension Bureau. It is impossible to say what the chances of success are in appealing a given case. It frequently happens that an apparently plain case proves unsuccessful, because, owing to the regulations of the Pension Bureau, an appeal must necessarily be taken without a full knowledge of and the opportunity to controvert all the evidence and "confidential information" on file in the case.

Virden, Ill.-Widows are entitled to pension under the general law without regard to the date of marriage to a soldier. But the soldier's death must be shown to be due to his service. To obtain pension under the act of June 27, 1890, which does not require widow or children to show the soldier's death to be due to his service, the widow must have been married to the soldier before June 27, 1890.

S. W. S., Lorraine, Tenn.-To be rated as a commissioned officer under the genaral pension law it must be shown that the claimant was a commissioned officer when the disability alleged originated. It is not sufficient that the soldier was afterwards promoted to the grade of commissioned

B. F. F., Winthrop, Me.-A certificate of honorable service, usually called a "duplicate discharge," can be obtained from the War Department only by the soldier himself and not by his widow or other heirs. If within four months after desertion from one command during the late war, a soldier again enlisted, but not for the purpose of procuring bounty or other gratuity, whether local, State or Government, or fee as substitute, to which he would not have been entitled under his original enlistment, and served faithfully thereafter and was honorably discharged, the charge of desertion may be removed.

D. L., Chepstow, Kan.-If a claim for increase of pension filed five years ago has never been heard from, it would seem that it has been overlooked. An inquiry filed in the Pension Bureau, especially through a member of Congress, would probably secure some information as to its whereabouts. There is no law entitling a soldier of the late war to \$12 per month because he is 65 years old. Assistant Secretary Davis, of the Interior Department, has ruled that an applicant for invalid pension under the act of June 27, 1890, shall in general be regarded as entitled to at least the \$6 rate if he is 65 years of age.

M. J., Fort Wayne, Ind.-When an original discharge has become illegible or has fallen to pieces, a so-called "duplicate discharge," or certificate of honorable service, can be obtained upon application to the "Chief of the Record and Pension Office, War Department, Washington, D. C." No provision is made for the issuance of duplicate discharges" on parchment.

T. T. E., Terre Haute, Ind.-It is not true that "86 is the lowest rating on any one disability." Six dollars is the lowest rating for any pensionable degree of disability. Pension is granted for the disablement and not for the cause of the dis-

New Subscriber, C. D.-The widow of a since the war of the rebellion, and who died of disability due to his service, would be Order. These visits should partake enough law. The question as to the means of support of applicants for invalid pension under that law is not taken into consideration, and widows are barred under the law only if they have an income, independent of their own labor, that is greatly

in excess of, say, \$100 per year.

G. P. G., Coal City, Ind.-Neither widow nor children are entitled to pension under the act of June 27, 1890, if the widow, the mother of the children, was married to the soldier subsequent to June 26, 1800. B. W., Quincy, Ill.—The fact that the children of a soldier have become 16 before the granting of the pension to the

widow does not entitle them to the additional rate allowed the widow on account of the children for the period of their pensionable minority. C. G. H. B., Ontario, Cal.-At the out-

break of the war of the rebellion the pay of Sergeants, Corporals and privates of cavalry, artillery and infantry was \$16, \$13 and \$11, respectively; by act of Aug. 6, 1861, it was provided that the pay of the privates in the Regular Army and volunteers in the service of the United States be \$13 per month for three years from and after the passage of this act, and until otherwise fixed by law; lastly, by act of June 20, 1851, the pay of Sergeants was increased to \$20, that of Corporals to \$18, and that of privates to \$16, all to date from May you can to strenghten and build them up." to see him." 1, 1861.

G. B., Penn Yan, N. Y.-The general law rate of invalid pension for total deafness of one ear and severe of the other is in an effort to secure National legislation \$25 per month; that for loss of sight of one | furthering the interests of military instruceye is \$12, and that for loss of an eye is tion in the public schools, the Commander-\$17. A pension claim is specially ex- in Chief has detailed to take charge of the amined to more satisfactorily determine matter Brother Charles A. Stillings, of Its merits. There may be a suspicion of Boston. It is desired that Division Comfraud or misrepresentation, or it may be manders at once select someone in their that the case is too strongly proven to be respective Divisions to assist in this work,

in its allowance without some special in-

J. R. K., Snohomish, Wash.-A volunteer entering the military service for three years in July, 1862, must have served two years under his enlistment or have been discharged for wound or injury incurred in the service and line of duty, to be entitled to the full \$100 bounty.
D. H., Philadelphia, Pa.—If an applica-

tion for restoration of pension has been filed in due form in the Pension Bureau, it General as are now in force. should be heard from within six months T. M. W., Seligman, Mo.-The Board of ment appears to be fully five months in arrears with the work of considering the appeals that have been filed. E. L. A., Delaware, O.—The act of June

27, 1890, is substantially a service pension law, and is based upon a principle which was recognized by the U.S. Government as early as May 15, 1778, when Congress, by resolution, provided a half-pay pension for military officers of the Revolutionary army, irrespective of their incurred disquence in which the United States has been engaged. Material relative to the act | meeting. of 1890 may be found in the debates of Congress as appearing in the Congressional M. A. P., Selinsgrove, Pa.-When an in-Record for the period covering the process of enactment of that law.

L. C., Hastings, Neb.-In making application for commutation of rations for period of furlough, the claimant should give dates, as near as possible, if the fur-

lough itself is missing. J. M. W., Milton, W. Va.-All increases on account of pensioned disability commence from the date of favorable medical | Camp and 57 members were gained by examination had after the filing of the muster, two members by transfer, and two application for increase. A. B. E., Lake Benton, Minn.-It is im-

would be deemed sufficient to prove unperiodical" personal aid and attendance of true what a claimant himself has stated | bers. even if the statement was not under oath. An appeal to the Secretary of the Interior may be simply a letter so addressed properly describing the claim, and setting out the reasons for the appeal.

R. A. A., Hartford, Ky.-When, after medical examination and the filing of evidence showing degree of disablement, a claim for invalid pension under the general law is rejected on the ground that the rating thereunder would not exceed the rate of pension under the act of June 27, 1890, which the claimant is drawing, it is evident that the rejection is based on the view taken by the Pension Bureau of the medical examination and the evidence as a whole, and either further evidence should be filed or an appeal taken to the Secre-

SONS OF VETERANS.

S. L., Brooklyn, N. Y.-Soldiers who Loyal Young Men and Their Great Order.

NEW YORK DIVISION.

Past Capt. Joseph M. Layman, Penn's Green Camp, 33, was mustered in Novemcnarter membership of 50. We now have 40 members, all of whom belong to the Death Benefit Association. We are armed and equipped and have a fund of nearly \$500. At the last three inspections we received 99, 100 and 100 per cent., going through the degree work with the ritual under key. We are making an effort to win the silk pennant the Division has offered to the Camp showing the most gain this quarter. We have added seven to our roll and are trying to get 10 or more. We believe the Division will gain 100 this quarter, as the Camps are putting forth an extraordinary effort.

"Camp 33 is classed among the foremost Camps of the Red Diamond Division, and is composed of hustling young men who have not joined the Sons of Veterans for merely individual gain or honor, as is so often the case, but for the advancement of one of the noblest of patriotic Orders.

"We are equipped as an infantry Camp and from present indications next Memorial Day will find us at the service of the G.A.R. with a squad of artillery attached to the Camp. We have the hearty support of Post 33, and every meeting with us. Last year we had 47 visits from lina and Virginia.

a membership of 100,000. The National of the homes of the boys of 33, and they wish to extend to you their most sincere the Sons of Veterans.'

Commander J. M. Diven has forwarded to quarter ending Sept. 30, 1897. At the bereinstatement. Twenty-seven Camps and 564 members were suspended, while the loss by deaths, discharges and transfers amounted to 21. This leaves the memberconsider the suspended Camps lost; many | success. have already sent in reports and per capita tax and been reinstated. Four new Camps and 100 members have been mustered during the present quarter, and the next report is expected to show a large gain for the New York Division. Col. Diven, in last General Orders, says:

'We strongly urge Camps to make it a practice to visit neighboring Camps as often as possible. Especially should the strong Camps visit the weaker ones. Nothing will have a greater tendency to keep alive the interest in the Order or to awaken new interest. Members of the strong Camps will perform a creditable duty by strengthening the weaker Camps and at the same time they will not only have a sense of duty performed but will improve their own Camps as well. Nothing does as much good as to do good unto others, and in helping others you will unconsciously help yourselves. By doing soldier of the Regular Army, discharged good deeds you will increase your own interest in and ardor for the work of the entitled to pension under the general law. of the social nature to be pleasant. At the G. P., West Carrollton, O.—The act of same time other objects should be kept in gently but firmly June 27, 1890, is not a "pauper" pension view; they should be instructive. If Camps are disposed to keep up in the ritualistic work, we advise the working of the degrees by home Camp and visiting Camps. and sailers of the late war on Harlem other, as there is no Camp so poor in its on Riverside Drive, making this location a work that what it has some good feature or veritable Mecca of patriotism. The site is features. Thus by comparison all will im- an admirable one, overlooking the North prove and the standard of work in the and East Rivers, and can be seen for miles. Order will be raised.

"It is recommended the local association be formed. They should have as their object, as well as the building up of the old Camps and improvement of their members, the acquisition of new members and new Camps. It is hardly possible but what there is material for new members rights, fiercely, "that has ever done anyand new Camps in any given territory, and these it should be the object of neighboring Camps to bring into the Order. The map of the State shows scores of good towns that now have no Camps and there are scores of others where the number of Camps or membership in Camps is oddly disproportionate to the eligibility of residents. There are three entire Counties in the State, one of them containing a city with a population of 40,000, that have no Camp. darned the family stockings, scoured the Indeed, the field for recruiting is almost pots and kettles, cleaned and filled the limitless. Study the territory in your lamps, swept the kitchen, and done all vicinity, where there is no Camp, find out this, if necessary, day after day uncomwhy, and then try to form one. If you find plainingly? If there is such a man in this weak Camps in your neighborhood do all

DIVISION SNAPSHOTS. An invitation having been extended to join with the Grand Army of the Republic rejected and yet not so strongly proven reporting names and addresses to the that the Pension Bureau feels warranted above-named brother, and also to Capt.

Edmund L. Zalinski, U. S. A., retired, Century Club, New York City. The En-campment indorsed, by resolutions, this proposed legislation, and, while a committee was not expressly authorized, this means was taken to further the success of

Judge-Advocate-General Edward K. Gould has been authorized to prepare a digest of such decisions of Commanders-in-Chief and opinions of Judge-Advocates-

The members of Gen. John W. Noble Camp, 51, St. Louis, are unanimously in Pension Appeals of the Interior Depart- favor of annexing Hawaii. At a recent meeting resolutions were passed indorsing the action of Capt. G. C. Wiltze Camp, 4 Honolulu, and Hawaiian Chapter, No. 1 Sons of the American Revolution, in asking that the United States annex the Islands. Copies of the resolution have been forwarded to members of Congress from

Vern Carr, First Sergeant, writes that Division Chaplain Rev. Horace G. Ogden has inspected Julian A. Robbins Camp, ability in the service. The service pen- 262, Warsaw, Ind. Several members of the sion principle has been observed through- G.A.R. were present and witnessed the out the subsequent pension legislation and | muster of two recruits. At present the has been applied to every war of conse- membership is only 23, but from one to three members are being mustered each Past Capt. C. L. John, of Camp 34, Mt.

Commander E. E. Schoening has sent to National Headquarters the report of the Adjutant of the Missouri Division for the last quarter. A net gain of 58 is shown. At date of previous report the Division had 35 Camps with a membership of 799. One Camps and 38 members by reinstatement. Five members received honorable dispossible to say what, if any, evidence charges and 34 were suspended, leaving the present number 38 Camps and 857 mem-

THE GRAND ARMY.

What Veterans Are Doing for the Good of the Order.

DEPARTMENT DOINGS.

A very successful Reunion of veterans and their families was held at Los Gatos, Cal., Dec. 8, under the auspices of the Central California Veterans' Association. The G.A.R., W.R.C. and S. of V. were each well represented. Gen. Sheridan Camp made a splendid showing when it marched into the hall, and the boys were cheered to the echo by the veterans. Officers were elected as follows: Pres., D. A. Coates; V.-Ps., Mrs. Lou Tripp, J. M. Reynolds, Mrs. G. W. Hanson, Mrs. Carrie Hailstone Malley; Sec., B. F. Tabler; Ass't Sec., W. Glenn Walker; Treas., Mrs. G. W. Hoff-

Chamberlin Post, 1, St. Johnsbury, Vt., claims to have the oldest member of the Grand Army in the person of "Uncle" Loren W. Young, Co. D, 1st Vt. Cav. Com-Grove, N. Y., wrnes: "Lieut. Ldward H. 58 years, and served faithfully with his regiment until the end of the war. He ber, 1835, by Col. A. L. Sparks, and had a | celebrated his 94th birthday recently, and on that occasion nearly all the members of his Post, the W.R.C. and S. of V., called. He is still active and in good health.

Harker Post, 104, Orchard City, Ark., has been mustered with 21 charter members. Other comrades living in the neighborhood have promised to affiliate and the new organization starts out with good prospects success. The following are officers: Com., D. L. Kast; S. V. C., J. M. Beardsley; J. V. C., A. A. Ellis; Adj't, D. T. Sullivan; Q. M., J. E. Perkins; O. D., A. E. Chadwick; O. G., J. F. Daly; Chap., A. A. Chase; Surg., W. Zimmerman.

Ransom Post, St. Louis, has unanimously indorsed Andrew G. Peterson for next Commander of the Missouri Department. A circular letter issued by the Post says: He is a comrade who has never turned a deaf ear to an appeal from an old soldier, but who has gone out of his way to render him service, and whose active work of more than 13 years in the ranks of the Grand Army has endeared him to every veteran of St. Louis."

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

Thomas A. Burns, Aid-de-Camp, Versailles, O., writes: "At a meeting of Old night finds some of its members present Guards Post, Dayton, about one hundred comrades were present, including Departthe old veterans, including Commander ment Commander Henry Kissinger, Ass't developed since the Sixties. Stebbins, of the Department of North Caro- Adj't-Gen. W. H. Bussard and a number of the Department staff. The subjects of the "Fall in line, brothers, with Camp 33, and early campaign on the Mississippi, battles let's make a charge on these sons who are of Shiloh, Island No. 10, and Corinth, were not members of the Order-charge along taken up in their order, and anyone who the whole line-Commander-in-Chief Dar- had participated was requested to give his ling will lead us, and by 1900 we will have experience. It was one of the best meetings it has ever been my good fortune to Tribune is an ever-welcome visitor to many attend. Comrade Bussard, Assistant Adjutant-General; Comrade Oscar Sheppard, Senator-elect Third District; Comrade thanks for the untiring efforts in behalf of Peter Skenberry, Aid, and many others participated in these reminiscences.

National Headquarters the report of the in this Department, and while a few of Adjutant of the New York Division for the | them are on the decline, owing to the age | Fuller, and many other distinguished Ohio of comrades and want of facilities for soldiers, Comrade Wm. Eckert, delegated ginning of the term there were in good traveling to and from meetings, yet a large for the purpose, paid a handsome tribute standing 101 Camps, with a membership of majority are in excellent condition. Noth- to Forsyth Corps, which did its first work 3,076. Four Camps and 204 members were | ing appears to revive the old veterans so | as an auxiliary in 1878, and has continued gained by muster, two members by trans- much as regular meetings at their Posts in active service ever since. fer, and 12 Camps and 365 members by and reading The National Tribune, so carnestly devoted to their interests."

Neal Post, 62, Sidney, O., recently gave ship 3,062. Commander Diven does not hundred were present. The affair was a Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Put-

Ladles of the G.A.R.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Flora M Daney, of Duluth, Minn., the Ladies of the Grand Army are gaining ground in memrecently been formed under National juris-

The Department of Illinois has 31 Circles. with a membership of 1,078 and 479 veterans as honorary members. Department line with the work of patriotic teaching, work for the soldier and his dependent otic women of all societies. ones. Pennsylvania has about one hunwork.

The goods advertised in this newspaper

New Soldiers' Monument.

New York City is about to erect a handsome memorial monument to the sold ers Each will get some good points from the Hights, 1,000 feet north of Grant's Tomb, The monument will cost \$250,000, and will be the handsomest one in the country.

The Only One. [Tid Bits.]

"Is there a man in all the audience," demanded the female speaker on woman's thing to lighten the burden resting on his wife's shoulders? What do you know of woman's work? Is there a man here," she continued, folding her arms and looking over her audience with superb scorn, "that has ever got up in the morning, leaving his tired, wornout wife to enjoy her slumbers, gone quietly down stairs, made the fire, cooked his own breakfast, sewn the missing buttons on the children's shoes, audience, let him stand up. I should like

And far back in the hall a mild-looking man in spectacles, in obedience to the summons, timidly arose. He was the husband of the eloquent speaker. It was the first chance he had ever had to assert him-

FREE TO INVALID LADIES. A safe, simple home treatment that cured me after years of suffering with uterine troubles, displacements, grantuca, etc., sent free to ladies with full astructions how to use it. Address Mrs. L. HUDNUT,

News and Gossip of the Great Auxiliary.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL. The Executive Committee of the George

Washington Memorial Mrs. Ellen A. Richardson, of Boston, Chairman, and Mrs. Susanna Phelps Gage, Ithaca, N. Y., Secretary-held a meeting at Washington, recently, to further perfect the organiza-tion, and the outlook is very encouraging for an active prosecution of the commendable work. Nearly all the National associations of women are represented on the Executive Board by their Presidents. The project in connection with the George Washington Memorial is to get every woman's society in the United States to hold a meeting some time before Feb. 22, 1898, in order to secure contributions to a Memorial Building to be erected at Washing-

ton, and which may be used for the Ad-

ministration Building of a United States University when it shall have been estab-Carmel, recently inspected Pollock Camp, There are committees on the organiza-121, Milton, Pa. Col. Scott, Inspector tion of schools and colleges, also on nor-Briggs and Adjutant Hopkins were presmal and high schools, and one on the organization of children in the schools throughout the country. A special program for the children has been prepared for the celebration of Washington's Birthday. To the Grand Army and Pelief Corps, so long engaged in systematic work of pat-

> aid and encouragement to the project. DEPARTMENT OF OHIO. the Ohio W.R.C. She is a generous con- during her inspection tour in the southern tributor to local relief at her home, Akron. and western portions of the State, visited

She reviewed the extension of relief work in Texas, beginning with the assistance given in 1886 to Clara Barton and the Red Cross Society, and paid high tribute to Geo. H. Thomas Corps of Dallas, and to the larger work of the W.R.C, through the Na-

At the conclusion of her remarks a band of children appeared on the platform, representing the original 13 States, and dressed in Colonial costumes, executing pretty drills and singing National songs. A court minuet and other pleasing juvenile exercises followed, when all concluded with singing 'America." There was scarcely standing room in Music Hall, and round after round

President Rust has appointed Jennie L Rue, of Houston, to serve that Department as Patriotic Instructor. She will endeavor to have the flag salute given in the schools of the Lone Star State.

partment Inspector Fannie Lownsbury the Wagner, on Morris Island, many Union President Julia Abraham.

Helen E. Cook, Lincoln, Neb., has been appointed Department Patriotic Instructor for that State. Since Relief Corps work riotic instruction, this movement especi- was organized she has been most active ally appeals, and they, above all other or- and untiring in the discharge of whatever

Department Correspondent Josephine A. Cheeseman, Greeley, Colo., reports satis-Past Department President Sarah M. E. | factory inspections in the Department of Battels has returned to active service in Colorado. President Fannie G. Hardin has. Department Inspector Lillian Palmer | the Colorado Soldiers' Home at Montevista. was the recipient of many social attentions | where she found the inmates comfortable in connection with the discharge of her in- and happy, only regretting that the Home

The closing week of inspection Depart-

ment President Hardin and Department

Inspector Hester Hartsall inspected the

several Corps of Wyoming, and met with a

cordial reception. Junior Vice-President

Ella B. Ackerman inspected the Corps in

Mrs. Lulu Kinsman, of A. W. Ellett Corps,

41, Yoncalla, Cal, gives an account of the

Corps, and says: "Little Corps, wherever

little grains of sand, make the mighty

ocean and the beauteous land. And now

to make money and entertain their respect-

ive Posts? Let us help one another in the

good cause." The Yoncalla Corps num-

bers but 12 members, but they conduct

successful entertainments and give sur-

hopes she will some day be Department

Past National Treasurer Armilla A

Cheney has removed with her husband.

West Virginia has two more Corps-

Kuykendall Corps, 14, Harrisville; the first

There was not one delinquent Corps in

the Department of Minnesota last quarter.

Signs of prosperity are reported on every

Chetik, Wis., has now a Corps, auxiliary

to A. Wetherby Post, instituted by Depart-

ment President Lettie F. Withers, with a

At the close of the last quarter Wiscon-

sin reported 4,695 members; cash expended,

\$389.17; supplies, \$393.97; turned over to

reported to various Department and Na-

tional funds was \$75.70 to a soldier's

daughter at Wonewoc, for whom a special

Friends of Past Department President

Mary L. Reynolds, of Kentucky, through-

husband, Past Department Commander O.

C. Reynolds, has received the appointment

as Postmaster of Covington, Ky. He is

Past Department President Isabella

Kirkendall, Helena, Mont., reports the flag

flying high among the Rockies, and not

years the schools of Montana have given a

New York has added I. S. Quinby Corps,

ness and death, there is greater need than

ever of the Woman's Relief Corps to pre-

serve the social interests, and have as

many Reunions with the Posts as possible.

Reno Corps, 25, Nickerson, Kan., showed

well at inspection. The comrades were in-

vited in at the close, and all repaired to

the banquet-room, where a pleasant hour

was spent. Reno Post, 83, recently enter-

tained the Department Commander, Theo-

dore Botkin, and invited Reno Corps to

meet with them. The invitation was cordi-

ally accepted, and after listening to an in-

teresting and able address by the Depart-

ment Commander, supper was announced,

and the banquet-room was invaded by

our heroes and their allies. Reno Corps

is not a large organization in numbers, but

in patriotism and push they are the peers

of any in the country. G.A.R. Hall, at

Nickerson, stands a monument to this

little band of women. Add to this the

facts that no needy veteran or his depend-

ent ones are allowed to suffer in this

vicinity, and that the Corps is out of debt,

and all will acknowledge that Corps 25 is

Wanted.

James W. Eldridge, 2 State street, Hart-

ford, Conn., desires to purchase the follow-

small only in numbers.

will please address as above.

only schools, but Sunday-schools exhibit-

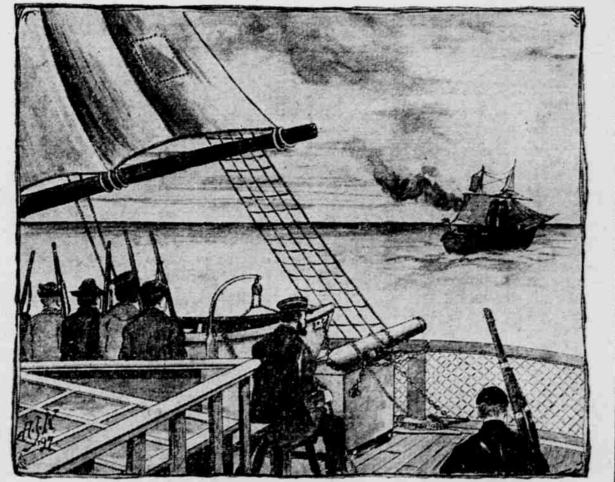
Posts, \$325.77. Among the contributions

hand from Department Headquarters.

the second with 22.

fund is forming.

charter membership of 12.



"MAKING A FORMIDABLE SHOWING."

spection duties. The experience of her | could not have been situated in a more associates has also been pleasant, and congenial clime and in a lower altitude. they report not only good work, but real | She also visited Las Animas and Fort Lyon while on her tour. fraternity among Ohio Corps.

Bowers Corps, Geneva, had the honor of naving "Mother" Ransom, now an inmate of the National Relief Corps Home, near Geneva, at their annual inspection and its attendant festivities. Assistant Inspector Hattie Wilson, of Warren, O., officiated, and a fine reception in her honor was followed the extreme western portion of Colorado.

by supper. Cincinnati is preparing to take care o 350,000 veterans and their friends at the Encampment of 1828. A grand industrial parade will vary the festivities of the week and let the soldiers see how the city has

Old Guard Corps, Dayton, the site of the National Soldiers' Home, has indorsed Past President Vesta J. Shoemaker for Department President, and will present her name before the next Convention. She has been continuously in service in Corps and Department offices since the organization of the Department, in 1884, and would make a thorough and capable chief executive.

royal welcome to Inspector Lownsbury, At the 31st anniversary of Forsyth Post, Toledo, named in memory of George Duncan Forsyth, a boy soldier of the 100th Ohio. shot by a guard, in Libby Prison in 1864, President. "I have visited quite a number of Posts | and which has numbered in its membership Gen. James B. Steedman, Gen. J. W. Capt. Cheney, from Detroit, Mich., to Chicago, her address being 327 Wisconsin Ave. James Riley Corps, 13, Cottageville, and instituted with 14 charter members, and

OHIO DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Mrs. Frances A. Prophet, in a pleasant a Campfire in honor of the comrades of account of the Third Ohio District Con-Kile Post, 41, Wapakoneta. Over two vention, a district comprising the Corps of nam, and Van Wert Counties, writes that the most interesting feature was a discussion of the George Washington Memor,al Building to be erected at Washington. The Chio State Chairman, Mrs. C. S. Brice, a member of Mart Armstrong Corps, Lima, O., was present and addressed the bership and territory. Two Circles have Convention. She expressed gratification at the deep interest among the members, and diction, Addie J. B. Carr, No. 1, at Pittsfield, her plea for Relief Corps co-operation was N. H., and Ellsworth, 2, at New Orleans, warmly sanctioned by Department President Emma F. Cressinger, who was in attendance, and who is a member of the State Committee. This work is directly in of Colorado and Wyoming is growing pushed forward by the Woman's Retief out the Order will be glad to know that her rapidly, having now 10 Circles. Its mem- | Corps, and the patriotic spirit animating bership is most active and zealous in the whole project is sure to enlist the patriprominent in both Grand Army and Ma-Our correspondent writes that a question sonic circles.

dred and twenty-five Circles. Kansas is | was raised as to whether the Woman's Reforming new Circles and spreading the lief Corps had the right to unite with other societies in furthering the purpose of the George Washington Memorial Association. The answer of Department President Cresare for sale by home merchants. You can singer was that there was nothing to pre- ing the old colors. More and more all these union of the regiment will be held at Bowlget the right thing by pressing your demand vent members from uniting with other agencies realize that the best way to fit ing Green during the Department Enwomen in a concerted movement to further the child for a higher life is to make him a campment of the G.A.R. in May. the interests of the George Washington good citizen in this life. The past three Memorial.

Assistant I. and I. Officer Almaritta noble response to the solicitations of the Clark presided over the meetings of Con- Relief Corps on behalf of patriotic teachvention, Mrs. Prophet responded to the ing, and local prejudice in certain Southaddress of welcome, and among the speak- ern communities is gradually dying out. ers were Lucy B. Hamilton, Department I. and I. Officer, who accompanied the De- 51, to its roster, with 69 charter members. partment President to Convention. Finlay The Department President calls attention Corps were unbounded in hospitalities, and to the fact that as the Posts are decreasexemplified the ritual to the satisfaction of | ing in membership by the invasion of sick-

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS.

Department Correspondent Minnie Converse, San Antonio, Tex., reports the Corps of the Lone Star State busily at work. George H. Thomas Corps, 4, Dallas, has been particularly active. An officer's drill was the opening feature of a recent enter-tainment of songs and recitations, on which occasion Thomas Corps presented Thomas Post, 6, with a portrait of their beloved leader, Gen. George H. Thomas. Patriotic Day at the Texas State Fair and

Dallas Exposition was marked by exercises in Music Hall, under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps and Daughters of the Republic. The first number on the program was the "Star Spangled Banner," which brought a rousing encore. Then followed the opening remarks of Pres'dent Rosalie Lacy, after which Mrs. D. A. Allen delivered an able address, in which she reviewed the progress made by women in the last quarter of a century, particularly since their organization into the Woman's Relief Corps as an auxiliary to the Grand Army.

She said the Woman's Relief Corps had gained a record as an organization worthy of the highest type of American woman-heod. Its methods had gone abroad, and are being studied by other nations, and due credit had been given to the organization. ing journals of the annual National En-In this country the united efforts of the campments, Grand Army of the Republic; Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps had lighted the fires 1875, and 1876. Any comrade having these of patriotism from the Atlantic to the Pa- journals and wishing to dispose of them,

tional Council of Women.

of applause greeted the children.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

exploits on the Atlantic Ocean during the Department President Susan Gwilt and Secretary Randall inspected the Corps of eastern Oregon, and were pleased with bluff," resulting in a prize of \$450,000, and their generous reception and the status of the most interesting part of the important Corps work. The first inspection was of J. transaction is the fact that the men who W. Nesmith Corps, The Dalles, heme of did the work never received even a Past Department President Mary S. Meyers. "thank you," notwithstanding the danger President Gwilt inspected the several that attended the undertaking. Corps of the Willamette Valley, and De-Corps of southern Oregon, also the three men were killed and wounded, and as Corps of Portland. A Union memorial ser- soon as arrangements could be made some vice was held inspection night by the of the sick, discharged, wounded and dead Portland Corps in memory of Department | officers and men were sent north on the

ganizations, are in position to give active duty has been given her to perform.

BLOCKADE-RUNNER

How She Was Captured by a Transport.

Editor National Tribune: Among the many brave acts of the rank and file of the Union army during the civil war that are | feat. Still, it was a victory in that it seldom it ever mentioned was the cap- | showed the foe that American bravery is ture of the blockade runner Emma in August, 1863.

The Emma was a new iron steamer, built in Glasgow. She had made only three trips between England and the Confederate States when taken by Uncle Sam's

The capture was one of the most unique

war. It was accomplished through a "big During the siege of Fort Sumter and Fort

steamship Arago. This vessel reached a point opposite Wilmington, N. C., about 4 o'clock on the morning of Aug. 24, when a little cloud of black smoke appeared in the distance.

The attention of the Arago's Captain was called to it, and after a close survey through his glass, he pronounced it either a rebel or an English ship. He at once gave chase.

The cargo of the Arago was ill, disabled, wounded, and dead men. The remains of Gen. Strong, killed in a charge on Fort Wagner, were on board, and Col. John L. Chatfield, of Waterbury, Conn., mortally wounded at the same time. After an exciting chase of about seven hours, the blockade runner hove to. She was loaded with turpentine and rosin be-

was loaded with turpentine and rosin below and on deck with cotton. During the chase every bale of cotton had been thrown overboard, also a brass cannon (25-pounder), and the name on her stern had been painted out to hide her identity. The most unique feature of the adventure was the method adopted by the captors. The Arago was an unarmed transport, but one of the swiftest vessels in that branch of the service. She carried a two pound signal gun, and that was brought into service and made to do more than its | regular duty. In its usual place, attached to the deck, it was useless on this occasion, so it was lifted to the rail, securely lashed with ropes, and loaded and fired at the fleeing Englishman.

Besides the little signal gun, about fifty Sharp's rifles had been left in the hold by some troops that had been transported, but there was not a cartridge for them. As the Arago neared the Emma, the rifles were distributed; the passengers, who lined up along the rail, making a formid- impoverished blood or from disordered

A shot from the little cannon happened to pass directly over and dangerously close to the deck of the Emma, and her commander concluded that it was time to stop and surrender. Then the Captain of the Arago met with new trouble. He endeavored to persuade some of his crew to board her, but they refused to a man. They were not enlisted, and could not be compelled to leave their ship for such a

They didn't know what sort of a reception they would meet with; besides, they claimed they had been overworked-in short every man positively refused. Thus the Captain appealed to the soldiers, who had brought the Emma to a "standstill." for volunteers, and in less than two minutes 10 men went down the ship's side, entered a yawl-boat, rowed to the prize, climbed to her deck, and made prisoners of the officers and crew.

Comrade F. O. Lathrop was the second man to make his way on board the ship. He found the Captain, a red-haired Scotchman named Lewis, at the wheel, and ineffective work done by that brave little formed him that he was a prisoner; to which that dignitary replied that he supyou may be, don't get discouraged; don't posed he was, adding that he was ashamed

give up. Remember, little drops of water, at being captured by a transport. The crew of the Emma were under the influence of liquor, and the faucet of a will other Corps tell of methods employed | whisky barrel was turned and the deck was being flooded with liquor. When the Captain and crew had been transferred to the Arago, the Emma was taken in tow and brought to New York, and the ship and its cargo were soon after condemned prise suppers to their Post and gave a and sold by the Government for the snug sum of \$450,000; but the names of the real who on her side left such a pleasant im- captors never appeared on the roll at the pression that every one in Ellett Corps office of the Secretary of the Navy, although they were taken while on board the Emma.

Lathrop was a member of Co. B. 6th Conn., and had just been discharged for a temporary disability. Later, he entered the Regular service in the 14th U.S., where he remained until long after the close of the war. The 14th was sent to Richmond after Lee's surrender to do police duty, and while on the way Lathrop met with a serious injury at the hands of Mosby's guerrillas. During the Summer of 1865 he was at Gen. Terry's Headquarters, which were at the house deserted by Jeff Davis. Comrade Lathrop now resides in Manchester, Conn., and is Senior Vice Commander of Drake Fost, G.A.R., of that place.--Veteran.

RENEWING OLD TIES.

Reunion of Veterans Who Stood Shoulder to Shoulder in the Dark Days.

The proceedings of the 17th annual Re union of the 39th Ill. (Yates Phalanx), held at Farmer City, in October, have been published in pamphlet form. W. R. Morley, Kenilworth, Ill., is Secretary. The proceedings of the 11th annual Re-

form. C. F. Hubert, Fowler, Ill., is Adju-Kentucky. William F. Annis, Co. C. 2d Kv. Cav., Franklinton, Ky., announces that a Re-

union of the 50th Ill., at Quincy, Oct. 21

and 22, have been published in pamphlet

Michigan. James E. White, Secretary, announces a Reunion and banquet of survivors of the 13th Mich. at Kalamazoo, Mich., Jan. 13

and 14. Missouri. The proceedings of the 10th annual Reunion of the 8th Mo. and a roster of the regiment have been published in pamphlet form. M. O. Bedell, Hickory Barrens, Mo., is Secretary of the Association.

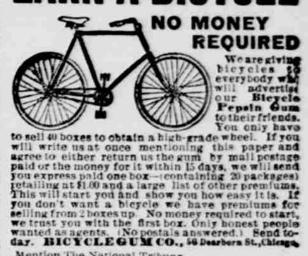
New Jersey. The 35th anniversary of the charge on Marye's Hights was celebrated by the survivors of the 25th N. J. by a well attended Reunion at Paterson, N. J. Lieut. S. G. McKiernan acted as toastmaster. An address was delivered by President John



McKiernan. Lieut. Piaget read letters from Gen. S. V. S. Muzzy, Vice-President Hobart, and others. Gen. G. W. Mendil, of New York, responded to the toast "The 25th N. Y." Chaplain Robinson spoke, and was followed by Capt. Charles Currie, President of the Ninth Corps Association. Other speakers were Comrade E. B. Haines, ex-Mayor D. T. Gillmor, James A. Morrisse, Joseph Mosley, Andrew Derrom, son of Col. Derrom, J. T. Hilton, Capt. James Inglis, and Gen. Jos. W. Congdon. Gen.

Congdon said in part: always ready at the call. That charge up Marye's Hights, as I see it, was as hopeless as that of the Six Hundred at Balaklava, or the charge of the Old Guard who went forward at Napoleon's last call. But

it was bravely done. The Association chose as officers: Pres., Capt. John McKiernan; V.-P., Lieut. Abraham Vanderbilt; Rec. Sec., Lieut. Louis A. Piaget; Fin. Sec., Lieut. S. G. McKiernan; Treas., Serg't Philip Mentnech; Chap., J. H. Robinson.



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